of such cadres were appointed to such posts in Uttaranchal. Similarly, personnel recruited specifically for projects or undertakings, where such projects/undertakings are part of Uttaranchal would be normally deemed to be working in connection with the affairs of that State. State Service personnel are to be allocated generally on the basis of requirement. The Central Government have so far issued provisional allocation orders only for other cadres like State Administrative Service, State Police Service, State Secretariat Service and State Finance Service. Work regarding their final allocation to the successor States has been takenup by the State Advisory Committee.

Bifurcation of assets between U.P. and Uttaranchal

†1542. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Uttaranchal is facing financial loss due to bifurcation of assets and interference in its jurisdiction by Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) whether Government have taken any action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No financial loss has been reported due to bifurcation of assets and interference in its jurisdiction by Government of Uttaranchal.

(b) Does not arise as the bifurcation of assets is done by mutual consensus failing which, by the Union Government on a reference made by either of the State Government.

Border management in Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan sector

1543. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken on Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan sector for policing, curbing infiltration of mercenaries/militants, drug traffickers from across the border;

(b) the result achieved so far; and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether the entire Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan has been sealed, with fencing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) In order to effectively check infiltration of mercenaries/militants, drug traffickers from across the border, the entire Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan has been fenced and floodlit, except for some gaps in shifting sand dunes areas which are not feasible.

The Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes, *inter-alia*, strengthening border management to check illegal cross border activities, round the clock patrolling by the Border Security Force, gearing up of intelligence machinery, improved technology, weapons and equipments for the security forces, both at the Centre and the States. Night curfew has also been imposed by State Government along the Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan.

As a result of these measures, the incidence of illegal cross-border activities has been checked considerably.

Establishment of Assam Rifles' Battalion Head quarters at Maha Koireng, Manipur

1544. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress for establishment of Assam Rifles' Battalion Head-quarter at Maha Koireng, Manipur;

(b) the targeted date/time for final shifting of Assam Rifles from Kangla Fort, Imphal; and

(c) the proposed plan for utilising the Kangla Fort?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Sir, the construction work of accommodation at Kaithalmanbi, for the AR Bn is in progress.

(b) and (c) Being secret, the information cannot be revealed in the public interest.